



Special Commission on the Health Care Payment System

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The Special Commission on the Health Care Payment System was established by Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2008: *An Act to Promote Cost Containment, Transparency and Efficiency in the Delivery of Quality Health Care*. The Special Commission's mission is to evaluate the health care payment system and recommend reforms to be used by all payers to provide incentives for cost-effective and patient-centered care. Specifically the group will evaluate innovative methods for health care payment, including episode-based payments, global payments, medical homes, pay-for-performance models, tiering of providers, and blended capitation rates.

As the Special Commission begins its work it will hold a public session to receive comments, ideas, and recommendations regarding payment models and potential implementation strategies. We welcome your participation in this process.

The public input session will be held on February 6, 2009 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Massachusetts State House, Gardner Auditorium.

If you would like to provide oral comments to the Special Commission, please notify Dova Romelus by noon on February 3, 2009 at (617) 988-3370 or at dova.romelus@state.ma.us. Individuals will be called in the order in which the names were received. To ensure equal opportunity for all parties to speak, comments will be strictly limited to five minutes per organization.

Individuals are also encouraged to submit written comments to the Special Commission. Written materials should be sent to Dova Romelus, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, 2 Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116. Please submit written comments by February 11, 2009.

If you have any questions related to the Special Commission, please contact Seena Carrington, Chief of Staff at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, at (617) 988-3371 or seena.carrington@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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